

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A device for covering a wearer's face and eyes, comprising:
 - a first masking layer adapted to cover at least a portion of the face of the wearer, the first layer having openings for the eyes of the wearer;
 - a second masking layer positioned over the first masking layer and secured thereto in a spaced relationship, the second masking layer having openings for the eyes of the wearer which are in substantial registration with the first layer openings;
 - a plurality of lamps fixedly positioned between the first and second masking layers;
 - and
 - a controller for controlling the activation of the plurality of lamps in a desired pattern, the activation of the lamps being visible through the second masking layer which is positioned over the lamps.
2. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second masking layer comprises a translucent material.
3. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first masking layer comprises an opaque material.
4. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of spacer elements secured to the inside of the first masking layer for positioning the first masking layer in a space relationship with respect to the wearer's face when the device is worn.
5. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a hood which is secured to the peripheral edges of the second masking layer and which covers the rear of the wearer's head when the device is covering the wearer's face and eyes.
6. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a screen material positioned over the eye openings, the screen material permitting visibility therethrough while screening the wearer's face and eyes that are positioned behind the eye openings.
7. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the controller further comprises a power source in the form of batteries.
8. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the controller causes a flashing pattern by the plurality of lamps upon their activation.

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9. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a switch for causing activation of the plurality of lamps.

10. A mask for covering a wearer's face and eyes, comprising:

an inner masking layer adapted to cover at least a portion of the face of the wearer, the inner layer being substantially rigid, having a topography that generally conforms to the contours of a human face and having openings for the eyes of the wearer;

a translucent outer masking layer positioned over the inner masking layer and secured thereto in a spaced relationship, the outer masking layer having a decorative front and having openings for the eyes of the wearer which are in substantial registration with the openings in the inner layer;

a plurality of lamps positioned at a plurality of locations between the inner and outer masking layers; and

a controller for activation of the plurality of lamps which are electrically connected thereto,

the translucent material of the outer layer permitting the light from the activated lamps to be visible while hiding the lamp structures and the electrical connections.

11. The mask as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a plurality of spacer elements secured to the inside of the first masking layer for positioning the first masking layer in a space relationship with respect to the wearer's face when the device is worn.

12. The mask as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a hood for covering the rear of the wearer's head when the mask is covering the wearer's face and eyes.

13. The mask as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a screen material positioned over the eye openings, the screen material permitting visibility therethrough while screening the wearer's face and eyes positioned behind the eye openings.

14. The mask as claimed in claim 10 wherein the controller causes a flashing pattern of the plurality of lamps upon activation.

15. The mask as claimed in claim 10 wherein the controller further comprises an activation switch for controlling activation of the plurality of lamps.

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16. A mask comprising:

an inner masking layer adapted to cover at least a portion of the face of the wearer, the inner layer being substantially rigid and having a topography that generally conforms to the contours of a human face,

an outer masking layer positioned over the inner masking layer and secured thereto in a spaced relationship, the outer masking layer having a decorative front,

visibility openings provided in the inner and outer layers for the wearer to see through;

a plurality of lamps positioned at a plurality of locations within the space between the inner and outer masking layers; and

a portable power source and a controller for activation of the plurality of lamps which are electrically connected thereto,

the outer layer permitting the light from the activated lamps to be visible while hiding the lamp structures and the electrical connections.